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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KAUNDA DECLARES FULL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
IN ZAMBIA

### SUMMARY

1. IN SURPRISE BROADCAST JANUARY 28, PRESIDENT KAUNDA ANNOUNCED IMPLEMENTATION OF FULL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES IN LIGHT DETERIORATING SITUATION ON ZAMBIA'S BORDERS AND TO COUNTER FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND INFILTRATION ALREADY DETECTED INSIDE ZAMBIA. WARNED CRIMINALS, SABOTEURS, ENEMIES OF HUMANISM, SUBVERSIVES, AND CREATORS OF DISSENT WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED. ALSO INDICATED PARTY WOULD STEP UP EFFORTS RESETTLE URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL RECON-  
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STRUCTION PROGRAM TO BOOST FOOD PRODUCTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DECLARING "WE ARE AT WAR -- MAKE NO MISTAKE," PRESIDENT KAUNDA CAME ON NATIONAL TELEVISION AND RADIO AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL THIS EVENING TO ANNOUNCE DECLARATION OF FULL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ZAMBIA. SPECIFICALLY, ACTION SUSPENDS CIVIL LIBERTIES AND LEGAL SAFEGUARDS CONTAINED PART III OF 1973 CONSTITUTION AND GIVES PRESIDENT POWERS TO ARREST AND DETAIN PERSONS, SEIZE PROPERTY, AND RESTRICT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, EXPRESSION, AND ASSEMBLY. PRESIDENT RECALLED THAT MODIFIED STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE RHODESIAN UDI IN 1965.

3. PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THIS STEP TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO GRAVE SECURITY SITUATION NOW DEVELOPING IN ZAMBIA THAT OBLIGES GOVERNMENT TO BE ABLE RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO ANY ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT ECONOMY AND DOMESTIC TRANQUILLITY. SITUATION ON ZAMBIA'S BORDERS IS DETERIORATING. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY POSSIBILITY OF INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE IN RHODESIA FOLLOWED BY POWER STRUGGLE AMONG RIVAL NATIONALIST FACTIONS; DIM PROSPECTS FOR PEACEFUL INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA; AND FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND WAR IN ANGOLA, WHICH ALREADY SENDING "THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES" FLEEING INTO ZAMBIA.

4. THERE IS ALREADY EVIDENCE OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND INFILTRATION INSIDE ZAMBIA, PRESIDENT SAID. REFERRED TO ARMED GANG (WHICH SOME BELIEVE TO BE STRAGGLERS FROM ANGOLA) STILL TERRORIZING WESTERN PROVINCE AND WHO KILLED FOUR PERSONS LAST WEEK. IMPLIED THIS IS NOT ONLY SUCH GROUP TO COME TO ATTENTION OF SECURITY AUTHORITIES. OTHER INTERNAL ENEMIES INCLUDE WELL ORGANIZED ELEMENTS OUT TO UNDERMINE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT; SABOTEURS, FOREIGN AND ZAMBIAN, WHO ARE INTERFERING WITH PRODUCTION OF FOOD, RAW MATERIALS, AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES; AND THOSE "ON PAYROLL OF A SOCIAL IMPERIALIST POWER" WHO HAVE INFILTRATED INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING AND SUBVERTED STUDENTS. ZAMBIANS ARE WARNED THAT THEIR OPPONENTS ARE ON BOTH THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT POLITICALLY; WHATEVER CALLED, THEY ARE ALL ANARCHISTS AND ENEMIES OF THE PARTY AND OF HUMANISM.

5. PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT RENEWED EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ENCOURAGE URBAN UNEMPLOYED AND SOCIAL PARASITES TO JOIN RURAL

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RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND BOOST AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. COPPER PRICES WILL REMAIN DEPRESSED FOR SOME TIME SO THERE NO HOPE FOR INCREASED EMPLOYMENT IN MINING INDUSTRY.

6. SPEECH CONCLUDED WITH REASSURANCE THAT THOSE WHO ARE INNOCENT SHOULD FEEL NO ILL EFFECTS FROM STATE OF EMERGENCY WHILE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMES AND BREACHES OF SECURITY WILL BE PUNISHED MERCILESSLY. INNOCENT FOREIGNERS WELCOMED BUT THOSE ENGAGED

IN CRIME AND SUBVERSION WILL FIND DEPORTATION IS ONLY A PART  
OF THEIR PUNISHMENT. PUBLIC ASKED TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND TO  
REPORT TO AUTHORITIES ALL SUSPECTED CRIMINALS, SABOTEURS,  
AND OTHER ENEMIES.

7. EMBASSY ANALYSIS THIS ACTION WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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